

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

State Senator John T. Denvir, representing a Chicago legislative district in which is located the old Hawthorne track, has introduced in the Illinois senate a bill to legalize horse racing. The measure provides for a commission of three men to govern the sport, after the plan of the proposed boxing law. A certain percentage of all receipts will be paid to the state treasury for the maintenance of good roads.

It is probable that the commission would have the power to designate the manner in which bets may be laid. The introduction of the bill came as a surprise to members of the legislature and much opposition is expected. Backers of the boxing bill fear that down-state solons may balk at the ring proposition, fearing it will open the door to the ponies.

No action was taken on the boxing measure, which still lies in committee, waiting for the proper moment to go before the senate. Lieut. Gov. O'Hara, answering the protest of a ministerial body from Chicago, declared he was absolutely in favor of boxing and could see no harm in the sport when it is properly conducted.

Next week it is expected public hearings will be held on the boxing bill, with the senate sitting as committee of the whole. Representatives of various organizations opposed to the measure will appear and boosters for the proposition will also be given an inning.

Eddie Campi of San Francisco won a hair-line decision over Frankie Burns after eight fast rounds at St. Louis.

Leach Cross hammered Walter Mohr in 15 rounds at Waterbury, Conn. The New York dentist was out in front from the opening gong.

Charlie Cutler and Marvin Plestina will meet tonight in a finish wrestling match at the Haymarket theater.

It would not be surprising to see Roger Bresnahan, Cub manager, fall back on his recruit hurlers, Standridge and Adams, to pace beside Jim Vaughn and possibly Jimmy Lavelander in the early days of the National league season. Both of these youngsters are in excellent condition, and, after yesterday's performance, the same cannot be said for Larry Cheney.

Larry was wild with his especial brand of weirdness—wild pitches. For a big league star, the spitter makes a surprising number of these woozy pegs, and they tossed off yesterday's combat.

Cheney isn't ready. He needs more work and lots of it under a warming sun before he will be stout enough to cope with the class of batting displayed in the National league.

Standridge's debut was impressive. This besides the fact that he committed six bases on balls and a wild pitch in his first three innings before a major league audience. In the last three innings he found for only one hit, a bunt, and gave nary a free ticket.

The poor start of the young side-armer, taken in connection with his increase of effectiveness later, added to the brightness of his initiation. It indicated that he does not easily become unsettled, and has the courage and determination to keep fighting when things are breaking badly for him.

Everything was against his success. He picked up a bad burden and proceeded to make it worse. But he rallied and finished with as good a brand of pitching as his older and more experienced St. Louis rival, Doak. He did not seem terrified by the fact that he was doing his first pitching in a big league ball game, and went about his work methodically.

His curve ball was a gem and there